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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner : James M. Hewitt
Applicant : Scott C. Young et al.
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For : SWIVEL DROP EAR ELBOW FITTING

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2003, Applicants have amended the specification and claims and request that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

In the Specification:

Please amend Paragraph 16 to read as follows:

A₁. --The elbow adapter includes a first portion centrally positioned with respect to a first axis 120 and a second portion centrally positioned with respect to a second axis 122. The second axis 122 is not colinear (e.g., substantially orthogonal (eight-five to ninety-five degrees) or at an obtuse angle) with the first axis 120 and an outer surface of the first portion of the elbow adapter is shaped to receive the retaining ring, which retains the threaded nut on the first portion of the elbow adapter, while allowing the elbow adapter to rotate (e.g., swivel) with respect to the threaded nut. The elbow adapter may also be made of a variety of materials (e.g., brass) and a suitable material for the retaining ring is stainless steel or steel.--

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01 FC:1251 In the Claims:

Please amend claims 7, 10 and 17 to read as follows:

7. (Amended) The swivel drop ear elbow fitting of claim 1, further including:

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